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HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG'S STATEMENT ON
HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY IN BASKET
ONE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODY, NOVEMBER 1 A.M.
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BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN,
ALMOST 25 YEARS AGO, WHAT WE NOW CALL THE CSCE PRO-
CESS BEGAN AS AN IDEA. THIS CONCEPT WAS PUT FORWARD BY
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE HEAD OF ITS STATE, HIS

EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BREZHNEV. IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT FOLLOWED--AT HELSINKI, GENEVA, HELSINKI AND BELGRADE --THE NON-ALIGNED, NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES OF BOTH WEST AND EAST EUROPE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS. THE FINAL ACT IS THE CULMINATION OF A COMMON EFFORT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA-- INDEED THE PEOPLES OF THE ENTIRE WORLD-- EXPECT US TO FULFILL THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THERE CAN BE NO ESCAPE FROM THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND--AT TIMES IN LIGHT OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WHICH INEVITABLY ARISE FROM OUR DIFFERING IDEOLOGIES--THIS MOST ONEROUS TASK.

OUR SOLEMN COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER IS TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS. IN THE MONTHS SINCE THE FINAL ACT WAS SIGNED AT HELSINKI, FEW OF ITS PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN AS WIDELY DISCUSSED AS PRINCIPLE VII. THIS PRINCIPLE HAS COME TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE JOINT UNDERTAKING OF ALL 35 PARTICIPATING STATES TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

MY COUNTRY CLAIMS NEITHER A MONOPOLY OF WISDOM ON THE MEANING OF THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS IN PRINCIPLE VII, NOR A PERFECT RECORD OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN REACHED, DESPITE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS, ONLY AS A RESULT OF A COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT EVOLUTION, AFTER PAINFUL AND SOMETIMES INCOMPLETE UNCLASSIFIED

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CORRECTIONS OF ABUSES, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SEEKING A PROGRESSIVE ENLARGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS.

IN THE 1950'S -- IN MY OWN COUNTRY--AN AMERICAN SENATOR NAMED MARGARET CHASE SMITH REMINDED HER COLLEAGUES IN THE US SENATE -- IN WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED A DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE -- OF SOME FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN IDEALS. SHE DEFINED THEM AS "THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE; THE RIGHT TO HOLD UNPOPULAR BELIEFS; THE RIGHT TO PROTEST; THE RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT THOUGHT". THE EXERCISE OF THESE RIGHTS, SHE ADDED, "SHOULD NOT COST ONE SINGLE AMERICAN CITIZEN HIS REPUTATION OR HIS RIGHT TO A LIVELIHOOD."

HER STATEMENT STILL STANDS AS A CONCISE REPRESENTATION OF MANY IMPORTANT GOALS AMERICANS BELIEVE PRINCIPLE VII EXISTS TO FOSTER. IN ITS REFERENCE TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PRINCIPLE VII ALSO BINDS THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO RESPECT MANY OTHER SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS: RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS "TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE SECURITY OF PERSON," FOR EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND DUE PROCESS IN THE WORKINGS OF THE LAW, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS, AND FOR "FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT" AND "FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION." REINFORCING THOSE RIGHT ARE THE PROTECTIONS AGAINST "TORTURE OR . . . CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT" AS WELL AS AGAINST "ARBITRARY ARREST, DETENTION OR EXILE." BUT CENTRAL TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THOSE RIGHTS, WHICH CSCE GOVERNMENTS ARE OBLIGED TO RESPECT, IS THE LINK PRINCIPLE VII RECOGNIZES BETWEEN THE "INHERENT DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON" AND "THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE" OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

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PRINICPLE VII LIKEWISE ESTABLISHED AN INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE "UNIVERSAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND THE PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL "PEACE, JUSTICE AND WELL-BEING." PRINCIPLE VII THUS MIRRORS

THEHLIEW WHICH WE SUPPORT THAT GOVERNMENT RE-
SPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN "ESSENTIAL FACTOR" OF
DETENTE. HAVING MADE THE QUESTION OF A GOVERNMENT'S
TREATMENT OF ITS OWN CITIZENS A MATTER OF INTRNATIONAL
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CONCERN IN THE FINAL ACT, THE PARTICIPATING STATES IN
PARTICULAR AGREED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT GOVERNMENT
ACTION TO ASSURE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS IS NOT EXCLUSIVELY
AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR EACH STATE TO CONSIDER BY
ITSELF.

FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE OF GRADUAL PROGRESS TO-
WARDS HIGHER HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS WE UNDERSTAND THAT
SUCH ACTIONS CAN BE DIFFICULT TO SET IN MOTION QUICKLY
OR TO BE ATTAINED. STILL, IF WE ARE TO MEET THE EX-
PECTATIONS AROUSED IN OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES, THERE
MUST BE DISCERNIBLE PROGRESS TO CORRECT SYSTEMATIC
ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IF THE FINAL ACT IS TO HAVE
CREDIBILITY.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FROM TIME TO
TIME FALLEN SHORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TARGETS WE HAVE
SET FOR OURSELVES AND OUR PEOPLE. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO
AN EXAMINATION OF OUR RECORD, AND FIND IT DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND WHY OTHER GOVERNMENTS TAKE EXCEPTION WHEN WE
EXAMINE THEIRS.

PRESIDENT CARTER, THE OTHER DAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE,
SAID EXPLICITLY THAT WE HAVE TO DO BETTER AT HOME. IN
SPITE OF BLEMISHES ON OUR RECORD, HOWEVER, THE POINT
TO BE MADE IS THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES ARE WORKING TO ELIMINATE INJUSTICES
RATHER THAN TO DENY THEM.

THERE ARE POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND DEVELOPMENTS TO
BE NOTED IN MANY CSCE STATES. THE UNITED STATES DELE-
GATION ACCEPTS AS AN INDICATION OF PROGRESS, FOR IN-
STANCE, THE ACTION TO WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
POLAND REFERRED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE OPENING PLENARY,
THE AMNESTY OF JULY 22 FOR IMPRISONED MEMBERS OF THE
WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE. MY DELEGATION ALSO WEL-
COMES SIMILAR MEASURES BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PROCLAIM-
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ING AMNESTY FOR NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND
SECURING THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PETITIONED
THIS CONFERENCE FOR REDRESS OF ABUSES OF THE FREEDOM
OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF. SIMILAR
GESTURES IN OTHER SIGNATORY STATES -- EXONERATING THOSE

IMPRISONED FOR THEIR BELIEFS, FOR ACTS OF CONSCIENCE SUCH AS RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED REFUSAL TO SERVE IN THE MILITARY OR CIVIL PROTEST AGAINST ARBITRARY GOVERNMENT BEHAVIOR--WOULD BE WELCOME INDICATIONS OF GROWING ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE VII.

WE UNDERSTAND THE FINAL ACT TO MEAN THAT ANY DELEGATION IS FREE AND INDEED OBLIGATED TO DISCUSS SHORTCOMINGS OF ANY SIGNATORY IN ANY AREA COVERED BY THE FINAL ACT AND TO CALL ATTENTION OF THIS CONFERENCE TO ACTION TAKEN AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO A PEACEFUL STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FOR EXAMPLE, AUTHORITIES THIS YEAR HAVE BROUGHT CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFENSE, IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN THEIR PUBLIC EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE AIMS OF THE FINAL ACT. I ASSURE THESE DELEGATIONS THAT IT IS NOT IN A CONFRONTATIONAL SPIRIT BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF FULL REVIEW, FROM WHICH MY COUNTRY IS NOT EXEMPT, THAT WE ALLUDE TO THESE FACTS.

SUCH ACTIONS AGAINST PUBLIC GROUPS TO PROMOTE OBSERVANCE OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH "THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF CIVIL, POLITICAL . . . AND OTHER RIGHTS," TO CITE THE LANGUAGE OF PRINCIPLE VII. THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR GROUPS ARE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF CITIZENS IN THE REALIZATION OF FINAL ACT GOALS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE SPECIFIC CASES IN THE APPROPRIATE WORKING BODY AND THEY ARE THE SUBJECT OF VIGOROUS DISCUSSION WHICH IS THE MEANINGFUL WAY THIS CONFERENCE, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.

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IF WE REFER AS WE HAVE DONE TO THE MOTIVATION BEHIND CHARTER '77, IT IS BECAUSE AS WE READ THIS DOCUMENT IT MANIFESTS A DESIRE TO INITIATE A "CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE" ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. THIS APPEARS TO US TO BE PARTICULARLY THE SORT OF CITIZEN ENDEAVOR TO EXERCISE CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES WITHIN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF A PARTICIPATING STATE WHICH PRINCIPLE

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VII ENVISIONS AND ENDORSES. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE,
THAT INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ARE NOT HONORED WHEN
CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE BROUGHT AGAINST MEN AND WOMEN WHO
SEEK TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE FINAL ACT AND
SUCH OTHER INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS AS THE UN COVENANTS.
IT IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO AGREE THAT THERE IS
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ARRESTS AND CONVICTION OF PEACEFUL
ADVOCATES WHOSE TRIALS APPEAR RELATED IN LARGE PART TO
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THE QUESTION OF HOW THE FINAL ACT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED.
EQUALLY DISTURBING IS THE HARASSMENT OF OTHERS WHO
SUBSCRIBE TO THE FINAL ACT BY GOVERNMENTS PUTTING
PEOPLE UNDER HOUSE ARREST, EXPELLING ONE FROM HIS APART-
MENT, DEPRIVING OTHERS OF DRIVERS' LICENSES OR JOBS.
DENIAL OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IS PARTICULARLY STRIKING
IN COUNTRIES THAT PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE "RIGHT
TO WORK." THESE ACTIONS DO NOT FIT WITH THE PROMISE
CONVEYED BY PRINCIPLE VII THAT PARTICIPATING STATES

SHOULD RESPECT FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND CONSCIENCE.

IN THE FIELD OF RELIGIOUS FAITH, PRINCIPLE VII EXPRESSED THE PROMISE OF EACH STATE "TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROFESS AND PRACTICE, ALONE OR IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS, RELIGION OR BELIEF ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DICTATES OF HIS OWN CONSCIENCE." SUCH ACTIONS SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED EITHER BY FINES, JOB DISMISSALS, THREATS AGAINST PARENTS SEEKING TO ASSURE THEIR CHILDREN A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OR BY PRISON TERMS FOR THE OPEN, ACTIVE PROFESSION OF RELIGIOUS FAITH. RATHER, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT PRINCIPLE VII CALLS FOR GOVERNMENTS, AT A MINIMUM, TO FACILITATE THE ACCESS OF BELIEVERS TO RELIGIOUS TEACHING, LITERATURE AND MATERIALS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME WELCOME STEPS MADE IN THIS DIRECTION IN THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOLY SEE POINTED OUT, IT IS NOT ENOUGH. IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLE VII MANDATES THE EXPANSION OF SUCH PRACTICES.

THE BROAD PRINCIPLE VII COMMITMENTS TO "PROMOTE UNIVERSAL AND EFFECTIVE RESPECT" FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS THE VERY SPECIFIC RENUNCIATION IN ARTICLE 5 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF "INHUMAN OR DEGRADING UNCLASSIFIED

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TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT" STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS CONFINED FOR POLITICAL VIEWS SHOULD BE OF SPECIFIC CONCERN TO US.

I DO NOT MENTION SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OR COUNTRIES TO SCORE DEBATING POINTS. A DEBATOR DOES NOT POINT OUT, AS I HAVE DONE, SHORTCOMINGS ON THE PART OF HIS OWN SIDE -- IN MY CASE MY OWN COUNTRY. LET ME REPEAT THAT WE DO NOT RAISE THESE MATTERS LIGHTLY OR FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. WE RAISE THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE HEALTH OF THE CSCE PROCESS AND OF DETENTE IN GENERAL. WE RECOGNIZE OUR OWN DIFFICULTIES, AND WE ARE WORKING OPENLY TO CORRECT THEM. WE CALL UPON OTHER GOVERNMENTS LIKEWISE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO REAL COOPERATION IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA BY RECOGNIZING THAT THEY, TOO, ARE NOT WITHOUT BLEMISH, AND THAT THESE BLEMISHES ARE LEGITIMATE SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BETWEEN US. I REPEAT TODAY MY EARLIER PLEDGE: WE ARE READY ALSO TO DISCUSS CALMLY AND RATIONALLY THE FLAWS WHICH OTHERS MAY PERCEIVE IN AMERICAN IMPLEMENTATION AND, WHERE WE BELIEVE CRITICISM IS JUSTIFIED, TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL ACTION TO OUR AUTHORITIES.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT OUR COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION--BOTH OUR OWN AND OTHERS --

ARE OFFERED, AND WE URGE THAT THEY BE SO ACCEPTED.
I KNOW THAT SOME HAVE SUGGESTED -- MOST RECENTLY THE
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF POLAND IN HIS
LEARNED EXPOSITION YESTERDAY -- THAT THE EXCHANGE OF
CRITICISM AMONG OURSELVES ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLE
VII IN FACT CONTRAVENES THE PRINCIPLES THEMSELVES:
SPECIFICALLY, THE PROTECTION OF EACH STATE'S "RIGHT
FREELY TO CHOOSE AND DEVELOP ITS POLITICAL, SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SYSTEMS" WITHOUT INTERVENTION
IN THAT PROCESS BY ANOTHER STATE.

MAY I SAY, WITH RESPECT, THAT THIS SEEMS TO ME
A FUNDAMENTAL MISCONSTRUCTION OF THE RELATIONS AMONG
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THESE PRINCIPLES. THESE PROTECTIONS OF SOVERIGNTY
ENJOYED BY A STATE IN NO SENSE LIMIT ITS OBLIGATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, EVEN AS HE HAS DEFINED

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THEM, OR THE RIGHT OF OTHER STATES TO SPEAK UP ON THE BASIS OF THEM. QUITE THE CONTRARY: WE ARE DEALING HERE WITH COMPLEMENTARY, INTERLOCKING PARTS OF GREAT AGREEMENTS OF THE POST-WAR ERA, REFLECTED IN THE UN CHARTER, THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND A LARGE AND GROWING NUMBER OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS. SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERVENTION PROSCRIBE ANY EFFORT BY ONE STATE TO COERCE ANOTHER INTO CHANGING ITS SYSTEM
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OR -- EQUALLY IMPORTANT -- REFRAINING FROM DOING SO, AS IT MAY WISH. AND NONE OF US HERE HAS ANY PROPER BUSINESS TRYING TO CHANGE ANYONE ELSE'S SYSTEM. DIVERSITY REIGNS. BUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN IS THAT, IN EXERCISING OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE AND DEVELOP OUR OWN SYSTEMS, EACH OF US CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR CONFORMING THAT DEVELOPMENT TO CERTAIN MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. TO THAT EXTENT, THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE BY ANY OF US IS THE CONCERN OF ALL OF US.

I HOPE WE WILL STRIVE TOWARD COMMON GOALS THAT GO BEYOND THE MINIMUM, AND THAT IS THE STRONG THRUST OF THE FINAL ACT. BUT THESE MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE OUR COMMON POINT OF AGREEMENT IN THE FINAL ACT.

FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, AFTER OUR DEBATE IS COMPLETED, WE WILL FACE THE QUESTION OF WHAT CONCLUSIONS WE SHOULD DRAW FROM IT. CERTAINLY WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH SENSITIVE MATTERS IN OUR CONTINUING BILATERAL CONTACTS AFTER BELGRADE. THE BELGRADE MEETING, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US, WOULD MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER COOPERATION IF IT WERE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN ITS CONCLUDING DOCUMENT REFLECTING NOT ONLY OUR DEBATE BUT ALSO A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION BY THE 35 PARTICIPATING STATES ON HOW TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS IDEALS INCORPORATED IN IT. WE, AND OTHER, WILL OFFER A PROPOSAL TO THAT END. THIS RECOMMITMENT SHOULD IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, FOCUS DIRECTLY ON THE POSITIVE ROLE THAT CAN BE PLAYED BY INDIVIDUALS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

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VISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. IT SHOULD RECONFIRM THAT SUCH INDIVIDUALS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS ARE TO BE GIVEN THE PROTECTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY SEEK TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, EVEN WHEN, AS MUST INEVITABLY HAPPEN FROM TIME TO TIME, THEY POINT OUT INSTANCES OF NON-IMPLEMENTATION BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN: MY DELEGATION WILL WORK FOR SUCH A RECOMMITMENT AT BELGRADE. WE THINK THAT THIS IS A REALISTIC, EVEN MANDATORY TASK BECAUSE IT GOES TO THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF THE PRACTICALITY OF THE FINAL ACT. THE MANNER IN WHICH OUR CONFERENCE DEALS WITH THIS TASK WILL, I ASSURE YOU, HAVE A MAJOR EFFECT UPON THE JUDGMENT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE FORMING ON THE CSCE PROCESS. WE MUST, THEREFORE, FIND HERE TOGETHER A WAY TO COMBAT CYNICISM AND TO ENCOURAGE OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FINAL ACT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE SHARED BY ALL THE PARTICIPATING STATES. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION CONSIDERS THAT, WITH GOODWILL, WE CAN MAKE GOOD PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING IT IS THIS BODY.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. END TEXT.

2. DURING HIS DISCUSSION OF US EFFORT TO GUARANTEE HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME, AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM THE CONSTITUTION, IN PARTICULAR THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS. HE ALSO CITED SLAVERY CRISIS WHICH LED TO CIVIL WAR AND ULTIMATE ADOPTION OF THE 13-15 AMENDMENTS. AMBASSADOR PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL STATISTICAL MATERIAL TO ILLUSTRATE MANNER IN WHICH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS ARE SAFEGUARDED IN UNITED STATES, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, MINIMUM WAGE, WELFARE PAYMENTS, AND MEDICAL CARE. GOLDBERG

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